

# FY 2004 Report of Accomplishments

## Basic Funding/Puget Sound Grants Program



### RCW 89.08.410

- *"The State Conservation Commission may authorize grants to conservation district from moneys appropriated to the Commission for such purposes as provided in this section. Such grants shall be made annually on or before the last day of June of each year and shall be made only to those conservation districts that apply for the grants. After all the grant requests have been submitted, the initial grants in any year shall be made so that a conservation district shall not receive a grant in excess of the lesser of: (1) an amount equal to the total moneys obtained by the conservation district from all other sources, other than any grants obtained from the state, during the preceding calendar year; or (2) twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars. If the appropriated moneys are insufficient to make the maximum level of the initial grants, each grant amount shall be reduced by an equal dollar amount until the total amount of the grants is equal to the amount of the appropriation...."*
- *In effect since 1989, the Legislature has not authorized an appropriation of twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars per conservation district per year.*
- *The purpose of the Basic Funding/Puget Sound Grants Program is to provide funding for allowable conservation district expenses not covered by grants or other funding sources.*
- *Basic Funding dollars require an equal amount of cash match. Moneys allocated to the Puget Sound districts from the Puget Sound/Basic Funding program do not require cash match.*



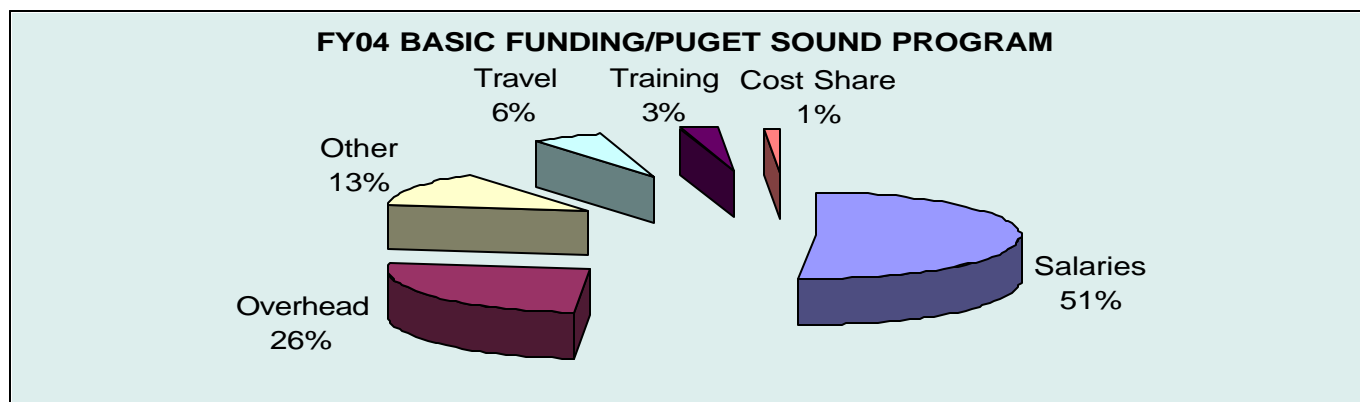
### Source of Funding

Basic Funding – General Fund Appropriation	\$375,000
Puget Sound – General Fund Appropriation	\$136,668
Conservation Commission Administration	<u>– 110,332</u>
Total Available to Conservation Districts	\$511,668

### Distribution of Basic Funding/Puget Sound Grants

- *Funding levels for applicants are determined by cash match reported in their previous year's Annual Financial Report to the State Auditor. The district must match these grant funds dollar for dollar with cash received from any source other than grants obtained from the state, not to exceed \$22,500 per year. In FY 2004 each district received a total of \$10,659.75.*
- *The funding is split between the two years of the biennium with half given out each year.*
- *Basic Funding Grants are available only to conservation districts that apply, comply with the Commission's Management Standards Certification and meet the reporting requirements in RCW 89.08.*

### Use of Basic Funding/Puget Sound Grants by Conservation Districts



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## **Individual Conservation District Accomplishments**

### *Adams Conservation District*

- *Basic funding allotment is used within the first few months of each fiscal year to cover administrative expenses not covered under grant programs.*
- *Providing the technical assistance including trained employees to assist the cooperators offers the producers that additional incentive to achieve the conservation goals.*

### *Asotin County Conservation District*

- *Basic funding is used for administrative/overhead expenses, which allows the district to use grant funding for implementation projects.*

### *Benton Conservation District*

- *Basic Funding was used utilized for salaries & benefits, travel, and administrative/overhead type expenses not covered by other grant programs.*

### *Central Klickitat Conservation District*

- *Basic funding was used as cost share for seven implementation practices as well as salaries & benefits and administrative type expenses.*
- *Funding allows the district to produce a quarterly newsletter for 484 residents throughout the county.*

### *Chelan County Conservation District*

- *Basic Funding is used mainly for staff salaries and benefits; keeping the district functioning and the doors open to the public and other grant programs.*
- *The District has been able to leverage considerable grant funds on behalf of the citizens. It is through these complementary projects the District has accomplished most of its on-the-ground activities.*

### *Clallam Conservation District*

- *Basic Funding/Puget Sound funds were used to supplement staff salaries and benefits not covered by other grant programs.*

### *Clark Conservation District*

- *Basic Funding was used to supplement travel, training, and other administrative costs not covered by other funding sources.*

### *Columbia Conservation District*

- *Basic Funding was used to supplement travel, training, and other administrative costs not covered by other funding sources.*

### *Cowlitz Conservation District*

- *Basic Funding was used to supplement salaries & benefits and travel expenses not covered by other funding sources.*

### *Eastern Klickitat Conservation District*

- *Basic funding was used as cost share for two implementation practices as well as salaries & benefits, travel, and administrative type expenses.*
- *Funding allows the district to produce a quarterly newsletter for residents throughout the county.*

### *Ferry Conservation District*

- *Basic funding was used to supplement salaries & benefits, travel and other administrative type expenses not covered by other funding sources.*

### *Foster Creek Conservation District*

- *Basic Funding was used to supplement travel, training, and other administrative and educational outreach expenses not covered by other funding sources.*
- *Basic funding was also used to supplement cost share on 43 implementation practices.*

*Franklin Conservation District*

- *Basic Funding was used utilized to maintain basic District Operations not covered by grants or other funding sources, including salaries & benefits, WACD & NACD dues, accounting services, and other administrative type expenses..*

*Grays Harbor Conservation District*

- *This funding source is utilized to maintain basic District Operations not covered by grant sources, including the staff salaries & benefits and other administrative type expenses.*

*Jefferson County Conservation District*

- *FY04 Basic Funding was used for basic operating expenses such as staff salaries & benefits, training, association dues, and other administrative type expenses.*

*King Conservation District*

- *Utilized FY04 Basic Funding grant to pay the District's share of office rent on the USDA Service Center building lease.*

*Kitsap Conservation District*

- *FY04 Basic Funding/Puget Sound funds were used for basic operating expenses such as staff salaries & benefits, rent, utilities and communication.*

*Kittitas County Conservation District*

- *Basic funding was used to support district operations, including administrative and staff salaries & benefits.*

*Lewis County Conservation District*

- *Basic funding was used to support district operations, including administration and staff salaries & benefits.*

*Lincoln County Conservation District*

- *Basic funding was used to support district operations, including travel, training and other administrative type expenses.*

*Mason Conservation District*

- *Basic funding was used primarily for office and field equipment, association dues, insurance, and training expenses.*

*Moses Lake Conservation District*

- *Funding was used primarily for administrative type expenses including staff salaries & benefits and travel.*

*North Yakima Conservation District*

- *One hundred percent of the Basic Funding allocation was used to supplement staff salaries & benefits.*

*Okanogan Conservation District*

- *The district uses basic funding to partially fund the creation and distribution of our quarterly newsletter and to keep the doors open. Approximately 1,200 newsletters are distributed annually.*

*Othello Conservation District*

- *Funding was used primarily for administrative type expenses including staff salaries & benefits, travel, and training.*

*Pacific Conservation District*

- *Basic Funding is used to help support the district's annual tree sale program; and to supplement salaries & benefits, travel, and other administrative type expenses.*

*Palouse Conservation District*

- *Basic Funding was used to pay the rent and keep the doors open.*
- *Funding was used primarily for administrative type expenses including staff salaries & benefits, travel and training.*

*Palouse-Rock Lake Conservation District*

- *Basic Funding was utilized to maintain basic District Operations not covered by grants or other funding sources including salaries & benefits, travel, training.*
- *Funding was also used to help implement 51 Best Management Practices using \$3,306 for implementation.*

*Pend Oreille Conservation District*

- *Basic Funding was used utilized to maintain basic District Operations not covered by grants or other funding sources.*
- *Funding was also used to supplement salaries & benefits, travel, association dues, and other administrative expenses .*

*Pierce Conservation District*

- *Basic Funding/Puget Sound dollars were used to maintain basic District Operations not covered by grants or other funding sources including salaries & benefits, travel, training.*

*Pine Creek Conservation District*

- *Basic Funding was utilized to maintain basic District Operations not covered by grants or other funding sources including salaries & benefits and other administrative type expenses.*
- *Funding also helped to implement four Best Management Practices on private lands.*

*Pomeroy Conservation District*

- *Basic funding is used to pay for district administrative expenses not covered under existing grants including salaries & benefits, travel, and insurance.*

*San Juan County Conservation District*

- *Funding was used primarily for administrative type expenses including staff salaries & benefits.*

*Skagit Conservation District*

- *Basic & Puget Sound funds were combined to support our normal district operations such as salaries & benefits, travel, training, rent, and phone service.*
- *Funding was utilized for required government functions such as board meetings, audits, and elections.*

*Snohomish Conservation District*

- *Basic Funding/Puget Sound dollars were used during the first six months of the funding period primarily for administrative type expenses including staff salaries & benefits.*

*South Douglas Conservation District*

- *Basic funding was used to fund activities not covered by other grants or funding sources for administrative type expenses including tree sale expenses, salaries & benefits and travel.*

*South Yakima Conservation District*

- *Basic funding is used to supplement travel and training for staff that is not covered by grants. It also helps to pay for employee wages.*

*Spokane County Conservation District*

- *Basic funding is used to pay for district administrative expenses not covered under existing grants including salaries & benefits.*

*Stevens County Conservation District*

- *Basic funding is used to pay for district administrative expenses not covered under grants or other funding sources including salaries & benefits.*

*Thurston Conservation District*

- *Basic funding is used primarily for district administrative expenses not covered under existing grants including salaries & benefits, advertising, and the annual plant sale.*

*Underwood Conservation District*

- *Basic Funding was used for maintenance and operation of the Underwood CD office including salaries & benefits, travel, training, association dues, and district election costs.*

*Upper Grant Conservation District*

- *Basic Funding was used to supplement salaries & benefits, travel, training, and other administrative type expenses not covered by other funding sources.*

*Wahkiakum Conservation District:*

- *Basic Funding was used to supplement salaries & benefits and other administrative type expenses not covered by other funding sources.*

*Walla Walla County Conservation District*

- *Basic Funding dollars made it possible for the District to provide services to landowners and our conservation partners.*
- *Funding was used to promote district programs, supplement EQIP program costs (travel & Overhead), and test the use of woven mulch for CREP riparian projects.*
- *Basic Funding is the "linchpin" that holds the district budget together.*

*Warden Conservation District*

- *Basic Funding was used to supplement salaries & benefits, travel, training, and other administrative type expenses not covered by other funding sources.*

*Whatcom Conservation District*

- *FY04 Basic Funding/Puget Sound dollars were used to supplement salaries & benefits, travel, equipment, training and other administrative type expenses not covered by other funding sources.*
- *Funding was utilized within the first six months of the grant period.*

*Whidbey Island Conservation District*

- *Basic funding dollars were spent providing administrative support for WICD within the first six months of receipt.*

*Whitman Conservation District*

- *The Basic Funding program provides supplemental funding for district staff and training.*